

Sangamon County LEPC

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Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2005

During calendar year 2005, the Sangamon County LEPC convened regularly scheduled meetings on five occasions: January 20, March 17, May 19, September 15 and November 17. A quorum of our membership was present at each of these meetings. All meetings were held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, except for the May meeting which was held at the new OEM Building.

At the March meeting, a large portion of the time was used to have LEPC members sort the filed 2004 Tier 2 forms that had been received by that date in order to become familiar with both the regulated facilities and the chemicals stored thereat. During the first quarter of the year, 87 Tier 2 Forms were received by the LEPC. This was in line with expectations from prior years. Of these, 52 were for facilities storing extremely hazardous substances (EHS).

On May 4 - 6, five members of the LEPC attended the Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference hosted by the Winnebago County LEPC at Rockford. A review of the conference was presented for the full membership at the May meeting. It was also at the May meeting that the LEPC pledged to support Springfield Fire Department in its role with the Hazmat component of the city of Springfield's full-scale exercise during July.

The largest portion of the May meeting was dedicated to a presentation by two sergeants with the Illinois National Guard Fifth Civil Support Team from Bartonville. The topic of the discussion was to look at identifying local critical facilities for planning purposes and how Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and data could assist with such planning. Among the initial critical facilities recognized by LEPC members, were the 52 sites with EHS storage.

During the month of July, the LEPC received from IEMA a copy of the revised LEPC Plan Development and Review document. With this for guidance, a 3-step strategy for creating an amended LEPC Plan was developed. The first step was to identify sites with EHS storage (already done). The second step was to secure GIS assistance for planning purposes (to be done before September 30). The third step was to proceed with site specific planning for each EHS facility (to begin after October 1).

At the September meeting, the membership formally approved entering into an agreement to participate in the Sangamon County GIS program for our future planning needs. The membership approved another agreement to engage the services of our LEPC Emergency Coordinator as an independent contractor to visit all EHS facilities in the county and create a site specific plan for each, using and updating available GIS data.

Our LEPC Emergency Coordinator sought the advice of the Macon County LEPC, to which our gratitude is extended, and with the beginning of October began making site visits. At the November meeting, the membership received a briefing on the first three facilities that were visited. A fourth site visit was completed before the end of the year.

Funding of the LEPC Emergency Coordinator's activities is through the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant for which we were again approved in FFY 2006. By the close of the calendar year, the format and content of the proposed site specific plans was envisioned with delivery of the first completed documents intended by May 2006.